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AFRL Rome awards \$4.9M fusion research contract

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ROME, N.Y. — The Air Force Research Laboratory Information Directorate has awarded a \$4,975,254 contract to SM&A Corp. (now called Emergent IT) of Vienna, Va., for research to improve the fusion of information.

The four-year agreement, "Fusion Research Development," is funded by a variety of Department of Defense organizations, including the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency of Arlington, Va.

"The Emergent IT research will provide the ability to fuse a broad range of information between and across the command and control, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance

arena," said Willis J. Horth, program manager in the directorate's Information and Intelligence Exploitation Division. "It will expedite the development and evaluation of fusion algorithms and data fusion automation technology."

While the research will focus on "Targets Under Trees," a joint program between AFRL's Information and Sensors directorates, the resulting technology may also benefit civilian law enforcement and public safety. It has applications for such areas as traffic pattern monitoring and the identification of illegal activities. @